



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health  
Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes  
July 24, 2009

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**Welcome and Call to Order**

The Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting was held on Friday, July 24, 2009 at First Things First Pinal Regional Office, 1515 E. Florence Blvd, Ste 110., Casa Grande, AZ 85222.

Regional Council Chair Mezzio called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

Council Members in attendance:

Barbara Mezzio, Kai Gerkey, Melanie O'Neil, Bryant Powell, Mary Allen, and Christina Jenkins, and Charity Russell

Council Members in attendance via teleconference:

Mary Kyle and Arnolando Hernandez

First Things First Staff in attendance:

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Marla Chamberlain, and Carrie Loos

First Things First Staff in attendance via teleconference:

Teri Lippens and Annette Garcia

Public in attendance:

0 members of the public were present

**Community Based Professional Development RFGA (FTF-RC019-10-0051-00): Discussion & Possible Approval of Review Committee Recommendations**

Chair Mezzio turned the Council Meeting over to Vice Chair Gerkey due to a conflict of interest with agenda item #2. Vice Chair Gerkey requested the Council Members to declare any conflicts of interest. Council Members with a conflict of interest regarding agenda item #2 were: Member Hernandez, Chair Mezzio, Member Russell, Member Jenkins, Member Allen, and Member O'Neil.

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, reviewed the statutory guidelines related to Rule of Impossibility and informed the Council that when the majority of the Council has a conflict of interest in the voting item the Council may use the Rule of Impossibility. The Rule of Impossibility will allow all Council Members to enter into discussion and participate in the voting process.

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, reviewed the statutory guidelines related to Executive Session. She reminded the Council and the public that only those non-Council members reasonably necessary to the Executive Session discussion may attend the Executive Session. All public attendees

were asked to leave the room after the motion and vote and to take all materials including briefcases. In addition, Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reminded all members and staff that, matters discussed in Executive Session must be kept confidential by those attending pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (C ), except in some very limited circumstances, such as in the course of an Open Meeting Law investigation by the Attorney General or County Attorney. The members and staff were also reminded that the Executive Session is subject to the provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

A motion was made by Member Powell to move into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A)(1) and ARS 38-431.03 (A)(3), for purposes of discussing agenda item #2, Community Based Professional Development RFGA (FTF-RC019-10-0051-00), seconded by Member O'Neil. Motion carried at approximately 1:26 PM.

All public attendees were asked to leave the Council Meeting.

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The public attendees were invited back into the Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Member Allen to close Executive Session, seconded by Member Jenkins. Motion carried at approximately 2:01 PM.

A motion was made by Member Allen to accept the recommendations of the Review Committee for the Community Based Professional Development RFGA (FTF-RC019-10-0051-00), seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried at approximately 2:03 PM. All Council Members were in favor, where there was not a conflict of interest. Council Member Russell, Member O'Neil, and Chair Mezzio abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

**Developmental Health Screenings RFGA (FTF-RC019-10-0130-00): Discussion & Possible Approval of Review Committee Recommendations**

Chair Mezzio requested the Council Members to declare any conflicts of interest. Council Members with a conflict of interest regarding agenda item #3 were: Member Russell, Member Gerkey, and Member O'Neil. Council Member Russell, Member Gerkey, and Member O'Neil were asked to step out of the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, reviewed the statutory guidelines related to Executive Session. She reminded the Council and the public that only those non-Council members reasonably necessary to the Executive Session discussion may attend the Executive Session. All public attendees were asked to leave the room after the motion and vote and to take all materials including briefcases. In addition, Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reminded all members and staff that, matters discussed in Executive Session must be kept confidential by those attending pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (C ), except in some very limited circumstances, such as in the course of an Open Meeting Law investigation by the Attorney General or County Attorney. The members and staff were also reminded that the Executive Session is subject to the provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins to move into Executive Session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A)(1) and ARS 38-431.03 (A)(3), for purposes of discussing agenda item #3, Developmental Health Screenings RFGA (FTF-RC019-10-0130-00), seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried at approximately 2:05 PM.

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The public attendees were invited back into the Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Member Jenkins to close Executive Session, seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried at approximately 2:28 PM.

A motion was made by Member Powell to accept the recommendations of the Review Committee for the Developmental Health Screenings RFGA (FTF-RC019-10-0130-00), seconded by Member Allen. Motion carried at approximately 2:30 PM. All Council Members were in favor, where there was not a conflict of interest. Council Member Russell, Member O'Neil, and Member Gerkey abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

#### **Discussion and Possible Approval to Proceed with Government to Government Agreement to Expand PCPP**

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi gave an overview of strategy 9A – Professional Career Pathways Project (PCPP) and strategy 9B – Child Development Associate (CDA). The Quality and Access Strategy Work Group would like to recommend going through Central Arizona College and expanding their contract. The dollar allocation for strategy 9A would be \$76,000.00 and strategy 9B would be \$50,250.00.

A motion was made by Member Powell to go into an agreement with Central Arizona College for a Government to Government Agreement in regards to Strategy 9A/9B, seconded by Member Gerkey. Motion carried. Council Member Jenkins and Chair Mezzio abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

#### **Update & Discussion of Child Care Health Consultation**

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi provided an update provided by Kelley Murphy, First Things First Health Policy Specialist on Child Care Health Consultation in Pinal County and reviewed that the Pinal County Health Department is currently not interested in providing the Child Care Health Consultation services. The Council's preference, if the Health Department is not interested in providing services, is to explore possible entities and review agency profiles to see if there is capacity to provide the service. At this time, the Council does not feel a Government to Government Agreement with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension is the appropriate path. Given that an appropriate governmental agency cannot be identified and that there is a skilled Registered Nurses (RN) and qualified entities in Pinal County, the Council would like the Child Care Health Consultation service to be released as an RFGA.

#### **Review & Discussion of Draft Attendance Policy**

A copy of the draft attendance policy was distributed to the Council Members and to the public attendees. The items discussed were: background, challenges, recommendation, and Regional Council Member attendance. The Council would like further clarification on what is considered attendance; such as the length of time at a Council Meeting and the manner in which one attends a Council Meeting (i.e. in person or conference call).

#### **Regional Coordinator's Report**

Ms. Kempton-Sarosi reviewed the Coordinator's Report. A copy of the Coordinator's Report was distributed to the Council Members and to the public attendees. The items discussed were: Chair/Vice

Chair Meeting, regional boundaries, upcoming presentations, work group updates, anniversary pins, and carpool for the August Council Meeting.

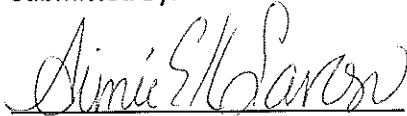
**Next Meeting – August 12, 2009 (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)**

The next Pinal Regional Partnership Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at The Gardner Learning Center in San Manuel.

**Adjourn**

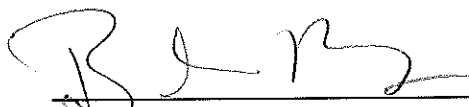
A motion was made by Member Gerkey to adjourn the Council Meeting at 3:08 PM, seconded by Member Jenkins. Motion carried.

Submitted By:



Aimee Kempton-Sarosi  
Regional Coordinator  
Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Approved By:



Barbara Mezzio  
Chair, Pinal Regional Partnership Council